



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for July 2010

## July Admissions Events

**Saturday, July 10**, 9 and 11 a.m.: Campus tours.

Sign up at

<https://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3293.asp>.

**Saturday, July 10**, 9 a.m.-noon, or noon-3 p.m.:

Summer Transition and Registration (STAR).

New students meet with academic advisors, register for classes early, finalize financial aid, and meet future classmates. Register at

[www.bridgeport.edu/ub/star](http://www.bridgeport.edu/ub/star)

**Saturday, July 24**, 9 and 11 a.m.: Campus tours.

Sign up at

<https://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/3293.asp>.

**Tuesday, July 27**, 6-7:30 p.m.: Information

session for all graduate Education programs

for teachers: Internship, MS

Education/Teacher Certification, Teacher

Leadership (MOD MAP), Remedial Reading

and Language Arts, 6th Year Degree (092

certification). Also, Graduate HRD,

Community Counseling, School Counseling,

EMBA and MBA. Stamford Center, 5

Riverbend Drive. For information email

[ubstamford@bridgeport.edu](mailto:ubstamford@bridgeport.edu).

## IN MEMORIAM

The University is saddened by the passing of Manute Bol, basketball legend and humanitarian, who died at age 47 on June 19 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

Bol came from his native Sudan to play basketball at the University of Bridgeport during the 1984-85 season, when he led the Purple Knights to the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament. The next year he began a 10-year career in the NBA, which he followed with years of efforts to build schools and improve the lives of his countrymen in Sudan. He was returning home from a trip to Africa when he fell ill in Virginia and was hospitalized.

UB Athletic Director Jay Moran said of Manute, "Even though he was only here for one year, he is the most famous athlete in UB history. He truly loved his coach, Bruce Webster, and his teammates. They had a great bond. There is no doubt that team is hurting today with his passing."

Bol's jersey and a life-size photo have been hanging on the wall of the Hubbell Gym for years, giving inspiration to the many teams that have played on the court. Head Men's Basketball Coach Mike Ruane noted Bol's impact. "He was huge for the university. He's how I heard about Bridgeport. We look at Manute every day in the gym. Manute will always be associated with UB, and we're associated with Manute. And we're proud of that not just because of the basketball player he was but truly because of the kind of man he was."

## Dick Allen Is Poet Laureate

Former Charles A. Dana Professor of English at UB Dick Allen has been named Poet Laureate of Connecticut. Professor Allen will begin a five-year term on July 1 as the state's official poet, serving as an advocate of poetry. Before his retirement, Allen taught English at UB for 35 years, from 1968 to 2004, and was the director of creative writing at the University. He is considered one of America's leading poets and is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships. Besides his published volumes, his work can be found in many periodicals and anthologies, and he is widely acclaimed as a public speaker, poetry reader, and teacher.



## New Trustees Named

**Joseph Vittoria**, president and CEO of Pez Candy, Inc., and **Gene Kirby**, president of NewAlliance Bank, were recently appointed to the UB Board of Trustees. President Neil Salonen said, "Joe and Gene together bring to the Board of Trustees decades of business experience in the private sector. . . . Their expertise is invaluable as UB continues to grow, enhance programs, and fulfill its mission to provide students with a career-oriented education that meets the demands of a global economy in the 21st century."

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ATHLETICS

**Dave Boykin**, point guard, was chosen on June 15 the 2010 East Coast Conference Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Boykin helped lead the Purple Knights to a shared regular season title and the ECC tournament championship this year and was named to the ECC All-Conference First Team. He has been a four-time Player of the Week during his career and has a 3.5 GPA.

### INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

**Kirsten Jones**, a senior majoring in IPED, has been awarded a Norman Woodberry Scholarship for overseas study. Jones was one of four students to receive a \$500 scholarship from the World Affairs Forum in Stamford and will study Arabic and Islamic culture during the summer at Princess Sumaya University in Amman, Jordan.

## Health Sciences News

On March 31, UB announced its new **Physician Assistant Institute**, which will admit its first class in January 2011 and will award its first Master of Science Physician Assistant degree 28 months later. Graduates then may seek licensing in any state. The curriculum includes 15 months of academic courses and 13 months of clinical training in cooperation with St. Vincent's Medical Center and various outpatient facilities. Dr. Dan Cervonka will serve as director of the Institute. Information and applications are available at [www.bridgeport.edu/pa](http://www.bridgeport.edu/pa).

A memorandum of understanding was signed June 14 between the University of Connecticut and UB forming a partnership allowing students to pursue a 2-year **pre-pharmacy program** at UB that will qualify them to enter UConn's Doctor of Pharmacy Program. The first students will be admitted to the unique private-public collaborative program in fall 2010. Dr. David Brady, vice provost for the Health Sciences Division, said, "This collaboration will expand pre-pharmacy education in the state of Connecticut and allow new opportunities for a wide diversity of well-qualified students to pursue pharmacy as a career."

## FACULTY & STAFF

### EDUCATION

**Margaret Queenan**, assistant professor of educational reading and language arts, completing her term as president of the Connecticut Association for Reading Research, has begun serving as immediate past president and nominations chair for 2010-11. She participated on a panel at the summer institute of UB's Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, on the topic of innovative approaches to promoting critical thinking in the college classroom, and led a discussion group on helping underprepared college readers and writers.

### INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

**Chunjuan Nancy Wei**, assistant professor of IPED, has received a 2009-2010 Research Grant from the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. The Grant is for \$9,000 for two years. Her proposal was "Rationality, Misperception and Political Contexts: Cross-Taiwan-Strait Relationships As a Nested Game."

## You might have missed . . .

**Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging's** winter-spring newsletter featured an article about UB's spring "Lunch & Learn" program bringing college students together with local seniors. The luncheons, held at UB and co-sponsored by the University, are funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and were created through the energies of Professor **Ellen Flynn** and Grants Manager **Pat Knebel**. Lunch was provided along with presentations on topics including nutrition, "Financial Management for Retirement," "American and Chinese Cultures and Their Approaches to Aging," and "Seven Strategies for Happiness."

**Saturday, May 8:** During UB's 100th Commencement ceremonies at the Arena at Harbor Yard, Governor **M. Jodi Rell** gave greetings and received an honorary doctorate. "Gossip Girl" star **Nicole Fiscella**, who is receiving a master's degree in nutrition from UB, delivered the commencement address. Trustee **Mark Fries '73** received the Alumni Recognition Award, and **Shintaro Akatsu '88** the Colin "Ben" Gunn Award for Distinguished Service in Philanthropy. More than 975 graduates marched in the ceremony and received their diplomas from the hands of President Neil Salonen.

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.